

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: BELLA VISTA SIPHON REMOVAL AND FISH PASSAGE PROJECT (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0253-R1)

Project Location (include county): Latitude 40.591237, Longitude -121.226667; primarily on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 061-350-001-000, 061-080-021-000, and 061-350-013-000; Shasta County

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0253-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to WESTERN SHASTA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

The project will remove the abandoned Bella Vista Water District siphon structure in North Cow Creek, which acts as a barrier to migrating aquatic species including Chinook salmon and steelhead. The concrete structure will be removed and disposed of off-site and the stream bed will be re-contoured to allow immediate fish passage for all life-stages offish upon completion of the project. The project will be implemented during the late summer when flows are lowest and all stream flow will be piped around the project area to conduct in-stream work. The purpose is to benefit fisheries habitat in North Cow Creek.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: WESTERN SHASTA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333**, Small Habitat Restoration Project not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is limited to fish passage and protection work on an abandoned inverted irrigation siphon structure that spans the channel in North Cow Creek.

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